

State Librarian's Report

July 2, 2013

1. Institute of Museum and Library Services Awards HSPLS \$1.17 Million Grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has awarded a grant of \$1.17 million to the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS). The IMLS distributes these funds annually through state library administrative agencies nationwide, as part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Each state, in turn, is tasked with meeting match and maintenance of effort requirements. HSPLS uses this grant money to fund IT infrastructure, network and other technology costs, annual subscriptions to online databases, the Microsoft IT Academy, PowerSpeak Languages and our newest eResource, Learn4Life (formerly Ed2Go). The grant funding also pays for some eBook/eAudio/eMusic and Internet access costs. LSTA is the primary source of federal funding for America's libraries, and HSPLS would be unable to provide the programs, public access technology and resources we do without these funds. Explore all our collections, as well as information on HSPLS programs and services at www.librarieshawaii.org. A valid HSPLS library card is required to access these and other resources.



2. Hawaii State Library Centennial Events in July

In its continuing Centennial Celebration, the Hawaii State Library will feature a television and movie display in the lobby, a Children's Summer Reading Program finale, and a presentation on the role of the Library in the history of Honolulu:

- Lobby exhibit for July: TV and Movies Made in Hawaii
- July 6, 11 a.m., HSL Courtyard – “Dig into Reading” Summer Reading Program Finale. Keiki ages 4 and older are invited to celebrate the conclusion of the 2013 Children's Summer Reading Program by participating in multiple crafts and other activities featuring dinosaurs, pyramids, pirates, and more. From July 1-6, (final week of the program) the Library will present a free book to each participating keiki who has read at least one book during the previous week.
- July 13, 11:45 a.m., First Floor Reading Room – “Honolulu Town: A Wholesome Town with a Raucous Night Life.” Co-authors Laura Ruby and Ross Stephenson will conduct an encore presentation of their book Honolulu Town (2012) focusing on the uplifting influence of the Library of Hawaii on “rough-and-tumble” early Honolulu.

3. Children's Summer Reading Program Bean Plants Are a Big Hit

Each participant in the 2013 HSPLS Children's Summer Reading Program received a “hands on” gardening kit as a perfect tie-in to the Program's theme “Dig into Reading.” The intent of the interactive project was to encourage children to learn more about gardening, plants, composting and science as well as “grow and expand” their young minds. “The bean planting kits (our week 2 incentive) were a big hit with the kids,” said Princeville Library Branch Manager Michelle Young. “One boy even brought his plant back to the library, and proudly showed off his five-inch sprout to each of the library staff members and summer reading program volunteer. His mother said he planted some in their front yard at home which was growing even taller.”



4. HSPLS Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Hawaii State Public Library System is currently conducting our 2013 Customer Satisfaction Survey to obtain feedback from library users about our collections and services. The surveys, which will continue through July 31, are available online at www.librarieshawaii.org and in print form in our branches. The survey is part of our strategic planning effort, and will help us identify areas where we can improve our services and better meet the needs of our communities. The survey also includes questions concerning our online databases, e-Learning resources, eBooks/eAudio/eMusic collections, and Internet scheduling self-service system, which will be included in our annual Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant report.

5. Neighbor Island Libraries Facility Upgrades

The following Neighbor Island public libraries will undergo building upgrades this summer, thanks to capital improvements funding provided by the state Legislature. The following libraries will be closed temporarily for pre-scheduled improvements and renovation projects, and announcements will be made when these Libraries are scheduled to reopen.

- Wailuku Public Library (Maui) – beginning July 4 for re-roofing and tent fumigation. Book drop will be locked and inaccessible for duration of project.
- Laupahoehoe Public & School Library (Big Island) – starting July 8 for re-roofing and downspout replacement. On July 5 at 3 p.m., book drop will be locked and inaccessible for duration of project.
- Hana Public & School Library (Maui) – closed June 21 for re-roofing and air-conditioner replacement. Book drop will remain open for duration of project.
- Lihue Public Library (Kauai) – closed April 11 for replacement of air-conditioning system, carpeting and interior lighting, but library staff will provide limited library services from an Interim Library in the Conference Room. Book drop will remain open for duration of project.

While the Libraries are closed, patrons may visit any of our other public libraries. In addition, patrons may log-on to the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org to:

- Renew books and most library materials online for an additional three weeks if there are no reserves on the items. Only one renewal per item is allowed. Items that are not eligible for renewal are Hot Picks, DVDs, videotapes, and overdue materials. Renewals will not be allowed if the item has been requested by someone else.
- Browse the HSPLS Catalog for book titles, eBooks, digital audio books, and our wide variety of online databases which provide access to full-text materials from thousands of magazines, newspapers, journals, and other publications.
- Get answers to brief informational reference questions by using the “Ask-A-Librarian” E-Reference service: select the “Information” tab, click on “E-Reference” and follow the simple instructions. A library card is not required to use this service.